



## COMMUNITY ALERT

**Senator Taylor's  
Office hours**

**Wed, July 28th  
2pm—5:30pm**

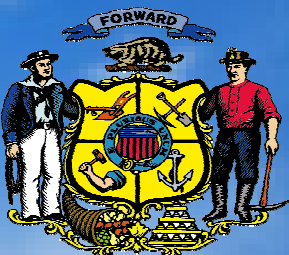
**Silver Spring  
Neighborhood Center  
5460 N 64th St**

**Watch for  
Signs!!!!**

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always I'm Here to Serve!



## State Budget Deficit Grows Amid Economy; Next Session's Priority Continues to be Jobs and Controlling Costs

One of the challenges that will be facing the state of Wisconsin is the budget deficit. The state's budget hole has risen to 2.5 billion dollars. That means in the coming budget (2011-2013) anticipated revenue is not going to meet current spending levels for the state.

The reasons for this can be primarily put on the economy. Just as your families are cutting back, the loss of sales and income tax revenue are forcing cuts at the state level.

How do we work our way out of this problem? I think there are two immediate things that must happen next session.

1—Focus on creating jobs and putting people back to work. This creates income tax revenue and sales tax revenue as people consume goods. 2—Government must find ways of being more efficient with its money. We must cut that fat and kill off sacred spending cows in the state!



## Rufus King Neighborhood Clean-Up

This past Saturday, I led a neighborhood clean-up effort in the Rufus King Neighborhood centering on Capitol Drive between Green Bay Road and Atkinson Avenue.

Together with many volunteers, we were able to

pick up trash, rake up debris, and beautify our neighborhood!

I am planning to work with other neighborhood associations to do the same cleanups around the 4th Senate District. Please join me in this fun days!

## Committee Approves Audit of Family Care Program

The Joint Legislative Audit Committee voted to approve an audit of the Family Care program. Family Care is the state's long-term care program, funded with a mix of federal and state funds. It covers services such as residential care, home health care, and physical

therapy for the state's physically and developmentally disabled and elderly citizens.

In January, the committee had previously heard testimony from concerned citizens about the program and there have been continued calls for an

audit of the program since that time. The goal of this audit is evaluate the implementation of the program and make sure that it is functioning correctly.

Family Care covers about 25,000 persons in Milwaukee County.

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### Intern Spotlight



My name is Maura Sokol, and I am a third year student at UW Madison majoring in Political Science and International Studies with a concentration in Global Security. I moved to Madison from the Chicago area, and feel so lucky to have the opportunity to work in Senator Taylor's office. I especially enjoy working with Senator Taylor's constituents, which is always rewarding and an experience I could not have had in the classroom.

### Interested in an internship?

Contact the office at  
608-266-5810  
for more information and  
to apply!

## FEDERAL FUNDING

### Federal Economic Development Resources

Navigating federal economic development resources can be a challenging task, requiring consideration of programs administered by multiple federal agencies. Moreover, eligibility for federal economic development resources varies widely, with some programs available to state and local government and nonprofit entities, and other programs targeted at individual businesses. This Information Memorandum provides a brief overview of federal agencies that operate programs related to economic development, as well as several federal resources that businesses may use to access federal economic development support. The memorandum also highlights certain changes to federal economic development programs that were included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Please go to <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/senate/sen04/news/> to view the document.

## MANNERS CORNER

### Interview Dining Tips

"Is the table full of utensils? I was taught an easy way to remember what to use and when. Start at the outside and work your way in. Your salad fork will be on the far left, your entrée fork will be right next to it. Your dessert spoon and fork will be on your plate."

*This is Dana World Patterson reminding you that manners matter and they only take a moment.*

Any questions, contact me at

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## NEWS FROM YOUR SENATOR

### Criminal Justice Funding & Strategies Committee

The special committee on Criminal Justice Funding & Strategies that I chair will begin meeting on August 30th. I am excited to start working on major reforms for the criminal justice system. The committee is charged with studying the funding of the criminal justice system and strategies to

adequately and sustainably fund the criminal justice system. A primary goal for the committee is to have recommendations prepared for the 2011-13 budget deliberations. We will again work with national experts from the Council on State Governments to provide data and best practices to the state for a more efficient justice system.

### Data Stop Collection Law Rules Completed

The rules have been completed for the enforcement and implementation of data collection laws which will become effective on January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2011. This is a great development and important step to combat racial profiling in our state.